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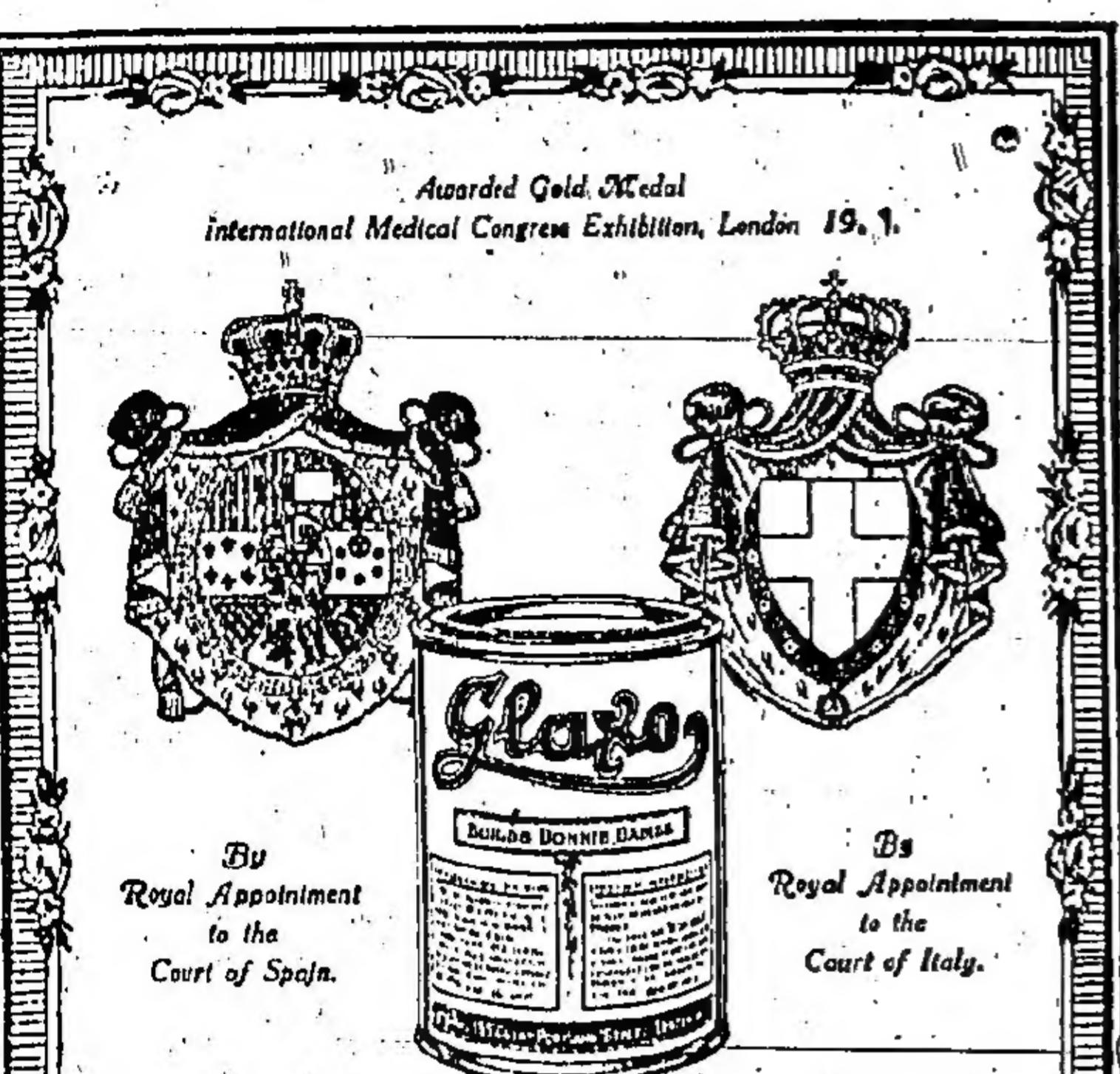
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BALDWIN'S RESIGNATION HONOURS.

HONGKONG MAN KNIGHTED.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, February 8.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin's resignation honours list comprises one peer, five privy councillors, nine baronets and sixteen knighthoods.

Sir John Butcher receives barony.

[Sir John George Butcher, K.C., is M.P. for the City of York. A distinguished scholar, he has specialised in fluids and their motions.]

LATER.
Mr. Gershon Stewart has been made a Knight of the British Empire for colonial and imperial services.

[Mr. Gershon Stewart, Unionist M.P. for the Wirral Division of Cheshire since January 1910, was born at Greenock. He was engaged in business in the Colony of Hongkong from 1882 to 1906. He was a member of the Legislative Council of Hongkong, and held various offices in the Colony.]

LLOYD GEORGE INCIDENT.

REGARDED AS CLOSED.

LONDON, February 8.

Mr. Lloyd George has returned to the Foreign Office the proofs of the French yellow book which have caused the controversy.

It is stated on good authority that M. Poincaré has intimated that as far as he is concerned the incident may be regarded as closed.

[An earlier cable stated:—With extraordinary unanimity the newspapers refer to the excellent impression created by the British Government's attitude with regard to Lloyd George "interview"; even the *Echo de Paris* joins the chorus. Satisfaction is expressed at Mr. MacDonald's haste to justify his good faith with France, which M. Poincaré greatly appreciated. The most friendly sentiments are voiced as regards the Labour Cabinet.]

CLAIM FOR 48-HOUR WEEK.

BRITAIN'S LEAD SOUGHT.

LONDON, February 8.

A deputation from the Trades Union Congress waited on the Minister of Labour and urged immediate steps to give legislative effect to the Washington convention with regard to the 48-hour week.

The deputation quoted statements in support of the contention that ratification of the Washington convention in foreign countries was largely held up by Britain's attitude and that there had therefore been a tendency to lengthen the hours of labour.

THE LATE MRS. PETRIE

LAID TO REST AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Petrie, wife of Mr. T. Petrie, recently Editor of the *South China Morning Post*, took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The large number of mourners who attended testified to the respect and esteem in which the deceased lady was held, and the sympathy for the bereaved husband. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Kirk Macomachie, of Union Church.

The chief mourner was Mr. Petrie, and among those present were:—Messrs. B. Wylie, H. Chung, B. Petherton, F. Oliver, S. Fung, J. M. B. Xavier, Chun Kui and B. C. Lee of the staff of the *S. C. Morning Post*, A. Hicks, A. Morley and F. P. Franklin (of the *Hongkong Telegraph*), H. A. Curtwright, A. B. Hale, J. Arnalage and J. H. Gelling (of the *Hongkong Daily Press*), G. W. C. Burnett (of the *China Mail*), D. A. Purvis, R. Packham, G. P. Curry, D. Gow, A. K. Henderson, D. K. Blair, T. Neave, W. L. Wease, Captain R. Innes, Captain T. P. Hull, Messrs. R. Hall, G. M. Shaw, C. A. Henderson, J. V. Glynn, J. Morris, P. Plage, D. Steel, J. E. Orlerton, T. Oliphant, M. F. Key, H. Ellis, D. O. da Silva, A. Course, H. J. White, J. Hyde, S. Komor, Mr. H. Taylor, Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Mrs. Packham, and many others.

LIST OF WREATHS.

Among the beautiful floral tributes sent were wreaths from:—Her Sorrowing Husband; Sister Minnie and family; Mrs. Petrie and family; Forfar; Dick Mortimer and Harry; Board of Directors, *South China Morning Post*; Co., Ltd.; Editorial Staff *Morning Post*; Chinese Staff *Morning Post*; Editorial Staff *Hongkong Daily Press*; Editorial Staff *Hongkong Telegraph*; Staff *China Mail*; Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders; Head Office Staff; Staff and Chinese Staff of the Hongkong Hotel; Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson; Miss Bobbage, Mr. and Mrs. G. Burnside, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Budge, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bunje, Mr. and Mrs. E. Baker and family; Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, Mr. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. A. Coates, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cock.

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TREATY WITH RUSSIA.

PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS.

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(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, February 8.

It is understood that the Russian reply to the British note according the Soviet recognition is being handed to the Foreign Office today.

The note closely follows the lines of the recent resolution of the Council of Soviets.

LATER.
The Russian note to Britain, couched in diplomatic language, expresses readiness to replace the treaties which have been denounced or have lost their juridical force in consequence of events during or after the war.

The Soviet Government will therefore send plenipotentiaries to London whose tasks will also include settlement of mutual outstanding claims and obligations, as well as determination of means to restore Russia's credit in Britain.

The Soviet emphasises that mutual confidence and non-interference in internal affairs remain indispensable conditions for the development of friendly Anglo-Russian relations.

The note intimates the appointment of M. Rakosky as Charge d'Affaires pending the appointment of an Ambassador.

HONDURAS TROUBLE.

WASHINGTON, February 8.

The cruiser "Rochester" has proceeded to Honduras in response to an appeal from American residents there.

[Recent cables reported a revolutionary movement in Honduras, a Republic in Central America with an area of 46,250 square miles and a population of 744,000.]

NAVAL OIL LEASES.

WASHINGTON, February 8.

The oil lease committee will hear Mr. McAdoo at his own request to-morrow.

[Mr. McAdoo formally announced that he has terminated his professional services with the Doheny Company and he desired to testify at the oil leases enquiry. He declared that his life is an open book. He has betrayed no trust and has not enriched himself at the expense of the country or people.]

LETHAL GAS DEATH.

CHINESE EXECUTED.

(Reuters' American Service.)

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, February 8.

The first execution by lethal gas in American history was carried out here in the case of Gee Jon, a Chinese convicted of murder.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

JAPAN'S FINANCES.

LONDON, February 7.

With regard to the impending Japanese loan of between £50,000,000 and £60,000,000, it is expected that rather less than half will be offered in London. A special sinking fund will attach to the loan.—Reuter.

NEW GUINEA.

LONDON, February 7.

It is reported from Amsterdam that the scheme of a German group for the exploitation of parts of Dutch New Guinea is causing uneasiness in Holland.

The Minister for the Colonies, reporting to members in the Second Chamber, declared that public authority would not be given to concessionaires, but some distrust is still expressed by the Press.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA BORROWING.

MELBOURNE, February 8.

The prospectus has been issued for the Federal Government's £25,000,000 loan, six per cent issued at par.

The lists close on March 18.—Reuter.

SILK.

The silk forwarded from here by "Empress of Asia" on January 10 arrived in New York on February 2, having been 23 days in transit.

Reuter cables from Rome that Italy's treaty with Russia definitely re-establishes political relations and the Italian Government appoints an ambassador to Moscow immediately.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd February, 1924, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 11th February to SATURDAY, 23rd February, 1924 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on the day and at the place aforesaid immediately upon the termination of the Ordinary Yearly Meeting for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit of passing the following resolution viz.:

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Corporation is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the ordinary note issue of the Corporation being increased from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000 and to modify the existing requirements as regards the deposit of security in respect of its note issue in the following manner.

(a) So that the whole of the increase (namely \$10,000,000) of such ordinary note issue shall be secured by coin or bullion or approved securities.

(b) To provide that whatever the total amount of the note issue may be at any particular time the amount of coin as distinct from bullion or approved securities to be deposited by the Corporation shall never be less than one third of the total amount of the bills in actual circulation.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1924.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on MONDAY, February 25th, 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, February 14th, 1924 to Monday, February 25th, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. S. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1924.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED, will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 14th February to WEDNESDAY, 27th February 1924, both days inclusive.

W. E. ROBERTS,
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Hongkong, 7th February, 1924.

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RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd.

MEMBERS' BADGES OF ADMISSION are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings. Members are notified that they cannot gain admission on production of the metal Badges issued last year.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before Tuesday, the 19th February.

Price \$10.00 per day or \$30.00 for the Meeting.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Treasurers.

Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1924.

FEBRUARY 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd.

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LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
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Hongkong, February 8, 1924.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Lord Robert Cecil will, it is officially announced, assume the title of Viscount Cecil of Chelwood.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Christmas letter on the subject of Church reunion has aroused widespread interest throughout the country.

On Boxing Day no fewer than 3,500,000 persons were carried in London by the Tubes, omnibuses and trams controlled by the Underground.

Considerable annoyance is shown in France at the publication in England of the German Memorandum presented to the Foreign Office on Christmas Eve.

"Saint Joan," Mr. Bernard Shaw's new play, was successfully produced in New York. The New York World in a criticism describes "Saint Joan" as the finest play ever written in the English language in our day."

Further cases of foot-and-mouth disease have been reported, and the total number of cattle destroyed now reaches 106,848, and the compensation paid amounts to \$1,647,000, against which \$2,600,000 has been received from the salvage of healthy carcasses.

The Italian Cabinet have introduced a new decoration, to be known as the "Star of Merit for Work." It is reserved exclusively for manual workers of both sexes who distinguish themselves in skill, trustworthiness, and good conduct.

A despatch from Washington states that the Government have decided to help President Obregon to suppress the revolution by selling to the Federal Government munitions of war. It is understood that at least 15,000 Springfield rifles and 10,000,000 rounds of ammunition will be forwarded.

Great damage has been done in Switzerland by numerous snow avalanches. The railway services have been interrupted and many parties of tourists are held up. Wet snow in the mountains and heavy rains in the valleys continue, with strong winds, which at times attain a velocity of fifty miles an hour.

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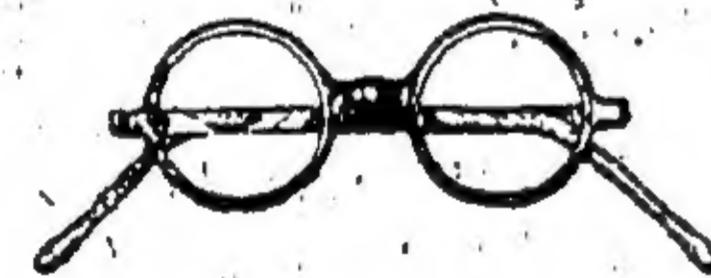
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BIRTH.

FLEMONS.—On January 27, 1924, at Shrewsbury, England, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Flemons, a son.

MARRIAGES.

COWAP-DIX.—January 3, at Hastings, J. C. Cowap, of Penang, to Frances Mildred, daughter of the late Harry Stark Dix and Mrs. Dix, of Stoke-on-Trent.

LARSEN—KLINGENBERG.—On January 30, 1924, at Shanghai, Kristian Sparman Larsen to Anna Klingenberg.

DEATHS.

DAY.—At Government Civil Hospital on February 8, 1924, Harold H. Day, of The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., aged 30 years—Funeral passes the Monument at 5 p.m. today.

SCRYMGEOUR.—January 2, at 7, Hillbury-road, Tooting Common, John Sturrock Scrymgeour (formerly of Singapore and Calcutta), within 15 days of his 90th birthday.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. Thomas Petrie returns sincere thanks to his many friends for their sympathy in his bereavement and for the floral tributes to his dear wife.

Broker"? We fled at this stage realising that the Architect's moral fibre had been broken, and that this strong man was about to break down in many tears—just like an Edsel M. Dell hero. We have been at considerable pains to discover who first introduced bowlers into the Colony and why they should have been adopted by our broking friends—just as Cinema Commissioners at Home robe themselves in some dead and gone Admiral's robes of office. We used to wear bowler hats ourselves, and thought that they got their name from the fact that when a strong gust of wind came along it invariably bowled over the bowlers. When we reached Penang on our venturesome journey east, the most amazing sight that struck our young and fevered imagination was a Chinese coolie wearing a bowler in the fierce rays of a relentless sun. On arrival at Hongkong they were conspicuously absent until our favourite Medicis—at last retired—blossomed out in one—and others quickly followed. That seems to us to be the uninteresting history of bowlers in Hongkong. Old tomes do not enlighten us one little bit. We learn that certain gentlemen on occasion wore white hats and were invariably met with the cry: "Who stole the donkey"? History does not record the reply, but we can well understand that white hats soon ceased to greet the morning air, and became veritable drugs on the old clo' market. Our Brokers possess nerves of steel as we all know. They are not going to be put off with such a cry as: "Who's carrying the Baby"? or even the less personal one of:

"Where did you get that hat?
Where did you get that tile?"

with the possibility of some jibblin' one competing it with:

"Isn't it a nobby one?
Quite a fine old-style.
I should like to have one
Just the same as that—
Where did you get that Hat?
Where did you get that tile?"

These noble lines have been set to music and endured longer than did the less poetic statement concerning the supply of hairpins. No, our Brokers are made of sterner stuff. What is likely to happen—and we mention it with due reserve, and a sense of the weight of the responsibility to be it on us—that there is likely to be a corner in Bowler hats. Fortunately our hosiers—or hatters—in other circles they call them mercers—have laid in small sizes; unfortunately we should have said—for in this place certain types of eminence swell on the least provocation. This often finds the circumferential circumference of a bowler hat too exacting. In addition—but enough of the bowler is the hardness thereof.

Ideal Newspapers.

Our common failing is that we can, or think we can, do the other fellow's job better than he can. Particularly if the other fellow is a school teacher, or a padre, or a newspaper man. It is a common failing, but failing that should be curbed especially in a place like Hongkong where the difficulties in the three professions mentioned are well nigh insuperable. It is interesting though when a member of either of these three callings indulges in day dreams regarding his profession. Just recently we have been reading the dreams of no less a person than Sir John Foster who is a working journalist of 40 years standing, and who is the first newspaper man to be knighted by the King, regarding his ideas of an "Ideal Newspaper". Had Sir John his way his ideal would have very little to do with famous law cases; very little to do with the lives of actresses; very little to do with the bad side of human life; a great deal to do with the beautiful and good side. It would recognise that the world is not all made up, or chiefly made up of wrongdoing. Sir John intersects this telling statement in his address which we should like to blazon forth the world over:

"I have learned one thing in my 40 years as a journalist, it is that if we are going to do right, we must be able to appreciate the other fellow's point of view."

As some obscure poet has it, truer words were never spoken. When the reading public realises the ideals Sir John enumerates, we may hope for better things. We might advance a step in the mediatised direction if those of the three professions—teaching—preaching—and purveying—would combine on some common platform, to the extent that a pulpit or a classroom would be a safe place in which to introduce a newspaper. "We simply said we might". We perhaps ought to have added we hope the day is not far distant when this happy state of things will eventuate. For righteousness can be made readable, and therefore interesting.

One recalls a child's search for a cow that jumped over the moon on some rather trifling pretext, so that really, in comparison, the recent feat of Mr. T. A. Barnes, F. R. G. S., in cross-

Departing Society.

Hongkong is said to be famous for the Societies it creates, and then allows to die. Our caption may suggest that we are about to refer to another of the alleged many gone to their rest. On the contrary. This is the title of a new Society we should like to see created—that is if the principle of acknowledging services rendered for the benefit of the community is to be taken into account. For ourselves, we think virtue should be its own reward, and the doing of good or helpful things should not be considered, so exceptional as to warrant parting gifts or receptions or dinners. But we recognise that all do not think alike on this topic, and that many delight to honour those who may have spent themselves in diligent and helpful service. Thus we create our Departing Society whose business—a very delicate business we admit, will be to see that our deeds of good receive either the testimonial terrife or the word in season before they depart. Thus our Denman Fillers who have spent themselves in the musical and artistic life of the Colony will not be met at Singapore with a cable costing \$10,50, or have a brass plate devoted to their memory which it will need an endowment fund to pay for the polish. Something more real than this or nothing at all. Thus shall the Hongkong spirit not become a thing to be scoffed at and abhorred by all men, and those like the coolie lady who left us quite recently after a splendid devotion in the cause of education, covering the best years of her life without a word will depart with the kind word and the grasp of appreciation on which the memory will dwell for many a day.

HAIR CUTS. Amateur statisticians doubtless worried themselves during these holidays into a state of coma arriving at comparative figures regarding the energy spent by the Chinese in their New Year celebrations. We are not good at figures, but we have been wondering how many male Chinese got their hair-cut; how much it cost them per cut, how many cushions could be stuffed with the "proceeds" of the cuts—or how many watch-chains made from it. It used to be a fashion at Home at one time to wear watch-chains made from the hair of a beloved one—wrist watches killed that fashion to say nothing of the fact that pawn brokers would not lend on them) how many minutes were used in the process of waiting and shearing. Being a statistician is very bad indeed and we are thankful the "profession" has its limitations whilst its adherents are known as the limits. In Canton they have commenced charging five cents more per hair cut than formerly. This is an imposition and we accuse the barbers and Dr. Sun of working hand in hand. The Doctor provides the hair raising stunts—and the barbers reap accordingly—because once your hair raises or rises, well you've got to get it cut. Things are so bad this way in Canton that we believe it pays people to come to Hongkong for a cut, while there is a demand for cosmetics which cannot be supplied—for the device is being adopted of a liberal use of cosmetics as an aid to meeting hair-raising stunts. In any case this is where the bald man shines!

PECULIAR. The oddities of the English language or its pronunciation is illustrated by the following Lim:

"There was an old farmer of Slough,
Who went out to milk his old
cough.
But the cough became rough,
So the farmer cried, 'Stough!'
And departed to feed the old
sough."

is probably one

GUNPOWDER PLOT

anniversaries that

is left to us.

Only in a half-hearted manner do boys and only a few of them, buy their pin-wheels, sky-rockets, fire crackers and "let them off" with perhaps no thought of the significance of that November day in far-off 1605. News has come which survives memories of the famous or infamous Gunpowder plot. Perroisson, we learn, has been given by the Southwark Borough Council to the owners of a restaurant to extend their premises by building over Montague Close. The Close is named after a mansion built by Viscount Montague, after the Dissolution, and it was here that he was living when he received the anonymous letter which warned him of the plot and which led to its being frustrated. In part reward for his loyalty to his Sovereign, people living in Montague Close were exempted from actions for debt or trespass. Later as a result, however, the place became such a regular sanctuary for those of evil habits that finally it had to be suppressed by law.

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Into the General Hospital a middle-aged man was brought with a compound fracture of the skull.

On regaining consciousness, he was asked him if he was married.

"No, Sir, I was kicked by a horse!"

Mr. Harold

THE MAN TO SPENDER, THE

BLAME

journalist who ac-

cepts full respon-

sibility for the Lloyd

George

interview which caused a political

sensation, has worked for several

big London papers. During the

war he gave himself up to the war

savings propaganda and other war

activities. He contested at Bath

as a United Liberal Candidate, in

the General Election in November

1922. His publications include

several books on general topics

and three biographies—Herbert

Hegyi, Asquith in 1915; General

Booth in 1916; David Lloyd

George (French issue) 1919; and

The Prince Minister in 1920; he

has also written numerous short

stories and magazine articles.

ing the continent of Africa in search of a butterfly, is hardly worthy of comment. At that, however, there are very few people who would feel inclined to emulate his example. Incidentally, Mr. Barnes passed over the great crater of Ngorongoro, which is thirty-five miles in circumference, and in the hollow of which are said to live some 75,000 head of big game that never leave it.

We know of ABSORPTION. Those who, engrossed in a book, become oblivious to the sense of time—of the extent of forgetting to return the book to its rightful owner. This engrossment can apply to certain games. Here is evidence regarding one game as judged by the dialogue between two policemen in a certain city:

"Nobody could make 'em hear so we burst in the door!"
"Were they dead?"
"No—playing chess."

GOLF. One's form at golf is a subject of perennial interest. The following was overheard in the snackeries the other day. We are not certain if it is a leg-pull or a piece of gospel:

"Went round in twenty-three to-day!"
"What—strokes?"
"No—whiskies."

If there is anything TIME, more deceptive than we should like to hear of it. Our "just a minute" has become ten or more, and the time spent in waiting for those who have failed to keep to the strict letter of time in the appointment made with them, expands, so it seems, to infinity. It might be said that time makes tigers of us all. Even Bishops are not immune. And we mention Bishops as being, we suppose right at the very top of all the Christian virtues—else why Bishops? Also because the story of a Bishop and a telephone reaches us—surely two of the most exacting things in life—for do they not both teach us patience and forbearance to the Mth degree? This is about a well-known Bishop. All Bishops, like Brokers are "well-known"; so that it is necessary to mention names. This "well-known" one is said to have been "the soul of integrity". And there we are intrigued again. Some Bishops not the soul of integrity? And also if not, why Bishops? But we meander, as Mrs. Malaprop would say we disgrace "from the subject of the soul of the well-known one. This w—k. one once protested that he had been kept waiting nearly ten minutes on the telephone but it was proved that the exact period was thirty-six seconds! We know this is a harrowing Grand Guignol sort of story, and if we felt anyone was likely to lose his or her faith in a Bishop, even a well-known one, we should never forgive ourselves for having mentioned it.

The foregoing re-

A BISHOP minds us of a Lancashire story of a former Bishop of Manchester Dr. Fraser. Walking in Ancoats one day he came across two gutter boys sitting on the edge of a pavement busy, putting the finishing touches to a mud house they had made, and he enquired what they were doing.

"We've been makin' a Church" replied one of them.

"A Church?" responded the Bishop, much interested. "Ah, yes, I see. That, I suppose is the entrance door (pointing with his stick). This is the nave, these are the aisles, these the pews, and you have even got the pulpit! Very good, my boys, very good. But where is the person?"

"We ha' not gettin' muck enough to mak' a person!" was the reply.

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therin, and in giving the following story for what it is worth do not for a moment suggest it refers to anyone in the Colony.

According to a Reuter cable from London; the strike of German seamen in British ports is over, negotiations having proved successful.

The Mercantile Bank of India Ltd. has received cable advice that a branch of the Bank will be opened at Sorobaya on Monday, February 18, in charge of Mr. F. W. Harris.

The s.s. "President Jefferson" which went to the aid of the s.s. "Edmore" at Quelpart Island when the latter steamer grounded, will probably be one day late in arriving at Hongkong.

Eighty Chinese are studying automobile assembly methods at the Ford plant at Detroit U.S.A. preparatory to assuming official positions in the new assembling plant which Ford will erect in Shanghai.

H.M.S. "Dionede" sailed for Shanghai and Yangtze ports this morning. Owing to trouble with Chinese and local Japanese elements at Amoy, H.M.S. "Dionede" will call there on her way north.

CAMERA NOTES.

USEFUL TIPS BY AN EXPERT

WEATHER VAGARIES.

The last two or three days of very mild and damp weather should be taken by Amateur-Photographers as a warning. Consequently it will be advisable to watch one's camera and those whose cameras have focal plane shutters should test them at least three or four times a week.

As the summer is, if slowly, surely approaching, a word of advice on the care of a camera and some precautionary measures may not be out of place. A contemporary in Java says that the camera should be examined daily, carefully wiped and placed on a table or chair where it will get the heat of the sun without the direct rays of the sun being on it, the sun being to keep it in as dry a state as possible. When put away it should be placed as large and airy a cupboard as possible, and with every part of the camera open—not closed up)—that is much fresh air can get to all parts, as possible.

A soft flat dusting brush should be kept in the camera case with the camera, and frequently used. Never carry your camera out of its case, in the sun after a heavy downpour of rain because the heat of the sun and the dampness of the atmosphere combined are very likely to cause trouble. Of course such a remark does not need to be taken too literally or one might be afraid to use the camera, at all, but return it back to its case after use. And it must be borne in mind, these remarks were meant for Java and only apply to Hongkong during the summer months.

On no account should a camera be left to itself for two or three weeks, and if constantly wiped and left exposed to the fresh air, kept free from dust and dirt it will not suffer from the very trying conditions of our summer climate.

Too much attention cannot be paid to this particular subject as I have very often heard photographers out here admit that their cameras have not been touched during the summer months and strangely it is often these individuals who complain that they would not use a Reflex camera or any camera having a focal plane shutter because they go wrong so easily, and it is very difficult to get them repaired out here. My reply to that is if they looked after their cameras properly they would never need repairing.

During the summer months one continually has to have clothes and boots dried, and special rooms in many houses, especially on the higher levels, are purposely built for that reason. If attention and care is therefore necessary for clothes, How much more is it necessary for a delicate instrument like a camera!

Y. Z.

PRINCE OF WALES:
BROKEN COLLAR BONE
SURGEON'S BULLETIN.
"PROGRESSING FAVOURABLY."

This morning's *Reuter* cables reported that the Prince of Wales had broken his collar bone. The injury was slight and he was returning to London. According to later cables, Sir Stanley Hewett, Surgeon to the Royal Household, issued a bulletin yesterday afternoon that there were no complications and the Prince was progressing favourably.

LONDON, February 8. The Prince of Wales' collar bone is broken. The injury, a fracture, was surgically attended to in London by a specialist.

The Prince is in bed at York House. He is as comfortable as circumstances permit.



[Earlier cables stated H.R.H. The Prince of Wales broke his collar-bone while exercising his hounds at Billington Manor, near Ascot. He spent the night at Mentmore Mansions with Lord Dalmeny, prior to the meet of the Whaddon Chase Hounds at Ascot.]

Early in the morning he took his hounds to Billington Manor, the residence of Sir Richard Cooper, and he was jumping a fence when his horse fell. The Prince of Wales was pitched on his shoulder, but immediately rose and tried to remount.

His Equerry said, "I believe you have broken your collar-bone!" and the Prince of Wales replied, "Yes, have me taken to Leighton Buzzard!" He was given medical treatment, and subsequently driven back to Mentmore with his shoulder bandaged, but smiling.

TRAIN ROBBERS.

A REPORTED HOLD UP ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Between Shui Tong and Shang Pak, on the Samshon-Canton railway line, a train was brought to standstill on Tuesday, says a report received by the *China Mail* this morning, and robbers held up the passengers. The metal way had been torn up for a distance of about 40 yards and the train from Canton overturned. Fortunately none of the passenger cars were overturned.

It is stated that the robbers took away ten first class Chinese passengers, evidently to hold them for ransom. Last year a similar incident was reported from the same spot.

There were no foreigners on the train and nobody was killed.

London, February 7.—It is understood that yesterday's meeting of Unionist leaders, convened by Mr. Baldwin, and including Earl Balfour, Lord Birkenhead and Mr. Austen Chamberlain, resolved, in view of the verdict of the electorate, to eliminate the general Protectionist policy from the Party's programme, but to advocate a tariff to protect particularly depressed industries which prove the necessity, therefore, to the satisfaction of the Bourgeoisie, to maintain the principle of Imperial preference within the limits laid down by the Imperial Conference.

MARRIAGE FLUTTERS.

MISS WINTERBOTTOM ANNOUNCES NUPTIALS.

[By JOHN SINCLAIR.]

Miss Winterbottom (pronounced Vangarbottom) has thrown a bombshell in the Boarding House. My future, past and present has faded away into thin air with the explosion of the prim little typist's announcement. I am no longer the cynosure, the second best topic around the surreptitious dining-tables—the first being the menu.

Miss Winterbottom has taken the limelight and now there is something solid to talk about, something to juggle with and conjecture. She is going to get married, to exchange her single life for continual bliss, her bottom drawer being filled to the top and her prospective mate two days away on some boat from Hongkong. As a selfish bachelor who has, so far escaped the perils of the stormy sea of matrimony, Miss Winterbottom's bombshell did not have that same cataclysmic effect on me as it did on the Old Lady and her precocious grand-daughter. No. They have begun to look upon me as kind of Trappist Monk in the house in a sort of nobody-will-ever-marry-him attitude.

Yet when I think of little Miss W—her name is too exasperating to repeat too many times—I feel more and more convinced that she deserves her Frankie. She has tapped out her frail fingers to the bone for many years on some callous firm's typewriter. She has arrived prompt to the second at her office every morning and sharp to the minute at every meal. In sheer sympathy one evening I invited her to have just one small cocktail. It was the same evening of the fortunetelling episode when I had to be sociable more or less. She considered the offer for a hesitating minute or two, then she gazed at me with a far away look in her eyes and ordered a glass of milk. Evidently she was thinking of Frankie then. I did not press the point, but let her have her milk and dream of her Romeo.

I suppose I shall be invited to the wedding. But I shall excuse myself. My tail coat and blithesome pants are deep down at the bottom of my trunk and they bear some painful memories. They last saw the light of day at the wedding of a good pal of mine in Shanghai. It was the parting of the ways. His rash act broke up a happy trio and the two of us left erected a tombstone in his memory and were never the same again. He was a good fellow and for many years had been careering dangerously on the verge of marriage until a "fasnati'n il Noo York gal" simply swept him off his feet. He lost his head in a critical moment. Whether or not he was acting under the inspiration of the much boosted Anglo-American friendship idea, I do not know, but my single reflection was that if our diplomats were the same as he is, the Foreign Office may as well put their shutters up. But the pair are happy. I have only met him once since that fatal day when I nearly insulted him by wearing a black tie as best man. He nearly broke my back in his congratulations of his doubled existence, as it were.

"You don't know you are alive until you get married, John!" he exclaimed. I do not know how many times.

"Marriage is just the thing." I said "Ahem,"—that's all.

Miss W. could not have done a more indiscreet thing than to broadcast her approaching nuptials. The Old Lady has become garrulous. She remembers to a stitch what she wore hundreds of years ago at her wedding, how her husband blushed when he kissed her in the village church, how the party consumed thousands of bottles of drinks, how the fiddler fell off his perch drunk, half-way through the merrymaking and so on. Miss W's wedding has struck a chord in the Old Lady's heart, which is reverberating from floor to roof.

"Aye," she says, "I wish I were young again."

The Landlady is already making preparations for the event. A reception at the house etc. Miss W. is in a continual flutter of excitement. I have already advised her to resign from the office, but like the discreet little woman she is, she will not sever her business connections until she is actually in dear Frankie's arms. I don't blame her. She will make the best of wives.

Marriage must be a wonderful thing to make girls get like this. I always thought Miss Winterbottom lacking in emotion, until two days ago. I am wondering if I should feel the same? or whether or not my heart has hardened too much under the burning tropical suns to prevent any joicing. Could the prospect of averting a strike be therefore regarded with hope?

Present a weird sight. And on this subject of bridegrooms, which the newspaper always forget to mention except his name, I shall have more to say in my next chapter.

LOCAL TURF.

COMING ANNUAL MEETING.
CLUB SELLING SWEEPS.

With less than a fortnight to go before track enthusiasts wend their way to Happy Valley for Hongkong's annual race-meeting, which extends from Wednesday the 20th to Saturday the 23rd, interest is steadily growing and ears are on the alert for the least bit of authentic news from the experts.

That mysterious element known to turfies as "form," in the shape of the selling-sweeps at the clubs, has assumed more definite shape although inclement weather since the holidays has been against gauging the possible prowess of the steeds that will carry the hopes of the various stables. At any rate, pronounced views were indicated at the bidding for ponies and the usual large crowds were present to ensure keen attendances.

Interest seems to be monopolised at present by the candidates entered for the Derby, the Blue Riband of Hongkong racing. At the Tam U Club last night, all three draws for the big race evoked more than average enthusiasm even if they were only "by stable." Taking the offers last night as a criterion of what those who follow the training think, one of the ponies belonging to Messrs. Morris and Marshall stands an excellent chance of carrying off the honours.

Between whispers dropped from groups in the room it was heard that the renowned Hill had promised to steer these mounts. Another old-timer confidently expressed his faith in the pony with a pronounced streak of Russian blood in him, believing him capable of doing the mile and a half, with Hill up, in a manner which could have only one result. According to the offers for this stable in the three draws last night, the odds accepted by the bidders were just about evens or slightly under, for a win, while they would not even get back their lay out if only second and third places were annexed.

Running the Shanghai stable very closely were the ponies owned by that veteran sportsman, Sir Paul. From behind a chart of training times and a mass of calculations, a tipster was heard to remark that trainer Curren was sure to pull it off again this year and as the draw was "by stable," there was no need to discuss the respective merits of the first and second strings. About 4 to 3 would be the average of the odds in the three draws if the "straw and white cap" took first place, and backers would just get their money back if they had to be satisfied with second and third.

Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's stable was made third favourite at slightly better odds than Sir Paul's but beyond these three there was "little doing" with the exception of a fair demand for Mr. A. H. Carroll's ponies. The offers for this stable were disproportionate, the highest being one which would give about 4 to 1 for a win alone and 1 to 2 for second place. The best bargain for this stable was in a series in which the odds were about 12 to 1 for first place, 100 to 35 for second and nearly evens for third.

Other stables which found supporters here and there may be described as including the outsiders' chances were those of Mr. A. A. Alves, Mr. H. Birkett, Mr. Henry Humphreys, Lady Chater and Mr. Dynasty.

There was also a draw for the Victoria Stakes, also by stable, with Sir Paul's and Messrs. Stephen's and Stitt's hot favourites. Only two others were bid for these being Mr. Dynasty's and Messrs. Morris's and Marshall's.

Only moderate support was forthcoming for the Chater Cup (by stable) draw. This race is for gymkhana ponies and popular opinion favoured the following stables in the order given:

A. H. Carroll, Dyer and Beth, A. A. Alves, R. J. Wilton, Albert and Arnold, Poole and Croucher.

New York, February 7.—The indignation aroused throughout America by the neglect of the German Embassy to half-mast the flag in honour of the late Mr. Wilson, is reflected by a statement in the *Tribune* saying that some financial circles are of the opinion that the incident may seriously affect the prospects of any German loan in America. —*Reuter*.

London, February 7.—It is understood that the employers, who conferred yesterday, are prepared to meet the dockers half-way in regard to the demand for two shillings increment. The prospect of averting a strike is therefore regarded with hope.

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COMPANY MEETING.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

The ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., was held at the Hongkong Hotel this morning. Mr. Henry Humphreys presided and he was supported by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Father Robert, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, W. L. Pattenden and J. M. Alves (Directors).

After Mr. G. Rapp, the Secretary, had read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:

The report and statement of accounts with auditors' report having been in your hands for the past twelve days I propose, with your permission, to adopt the usual procedure and take them as read.

As regards the accounts I think you will agree with me that they are quite satisfactory. They call for little comment. Profit on sales of property is \$25,033.26 less than last year, on the other hand revenue from rent shows an increase of \$16,552.21.

The amount at credit of special repairs and renewals account has been reduced to the low figure of \$1,488 as shown in the accounts; your directors therefore propose to transfer a sum of \$10,000 from profits to the credit of this account. The typhoons and floods of 1923 especially the latter caused some damage to our properties, particularly those on the May Road level. The proposed transfer of \$10,000 to the credit of typhoon and floods insurance fund will be more than sufficient to repair the damage.

I trust the proposed allocation of \$50,000 to reserve fund, and the proposed distribution of profits will meet with your approval.

I have no further remarks to make and now propose that the report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted. After this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions in connection with the accounts shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill seconded.

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Sunday, 10th Feb. at 11 a.m.

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"ALPORE"	5,273	28th Feb.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"PERM"	7,616	6th Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMAKA"	9,098	9th Mar.	MARSEILLES, London & Antwerp
"SINGAPORE"	5,283	9th Mar.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
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LAST NIGHT'S BOXING:
MAIN EVENT, DISAPPOINTS.

CHADWICK WINS ON FOUL.

A big disappointment was in store for the huge crowd that packed the Theatre Royal at last night's boxing tournament, the main contest, between Cartidge and Chadwick ending within half a minute in the disqualification of the former on a foul.

It must have been a record audience. There was not a seat to be seen and there could have been none. Prominent ringside spectators were H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Sir Claud Severn K.B.E., C.M.G.), the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies K.C.) and Mr. Justice Gompertz.

Keen interest was displayed when the competitors in the chief event stepped into the ring after the interval. They were announced as "Stoker Petty Officer Jim Cartidge of the Royal Naval Yard (Imperial Services Featherweight Champion), 125 1/2 lbs." and "Able Seaman Chadwick, of H.M.S. "Marazon," 125 1/2 lbs. Both men looked to be in the pink and Cartidge, who has been training for some months over at Kowloon, seemed especially fit.

The fight opened in lively fashion and the "house" settled down to enjoy a thoroughly good scrap. The disappointment was intense when within the first 30 seconds of the round, Cartidge accidentally delivered a foul blow and the referee (Mr. W. Logan) at once awarded the fight to Chadwick. At the end of the tournament it was announced that they would fight again for the Featherweight Championship of the Colony and the Scott Harston Belt (which Chadwick's victory earned him last night) on February 18.

THE OTHER EVENTS.

There was nothing particularly brilliant about the boxing furnished by the remainder of the programme. The first bout, between A.B. Edwards (H.M.S. "Despatch") and Pic. Fooley (East Surreys), did not survive the first round. Edwards sailed into his opponent as soon as he left his corner but the soldier simply stood off and sent in blow after blow which Edwards seemed to have no idea whatever of avoiding. When they thought he had had enough the A.B.'s seconds wisely skied the towel.

The next event, though merely a slogging match, was a much more "willing" display. It was a six-round featherweight contest, between Corporal Eades (Surreys) and Telegraphist Bates ("Tianan"), the former scaling 128 lbs. and the latter 125 lbs. The going was fairly fast in the early stages and Eades took some severe punishment, the going saving him more than once. He showed tons of pluck, however, and stuck to his man right through. Bates was clearly the winner and got the decision although in the last round or two he had very little to spare.

The soldier was an easy winner in the six-round flyweight contest between L/Cpl. Major (Surreys) and A.B. Patmore ("Ambrose"). Major had a good punch and used it freely from the start. It looked as though the contest was going to have an early ending but the Navy man stuck it well in spite of heavy punishment and the bout went the full distance.

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DIRECTOR AND NOVELIST

EXCHANGE CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

D. W. Griffith, motion picture director and producer, and Robert W. Chambers, novelist, exchanged Christmas gifts this way: Mr. Griffith gave Chambers a chance to act in his forthcoming film feature, "America," while Mr. Chambers gave Griffith the opportunity of writing 500 words of his novel now in work, and which will be the story of "America" in type.

It came about when Chambers, a regular at the Griffith studios at Mamaroneck, N.Y., remarked that he wanted him directing a picture, even a great big picture like "America," an easy task compared to the grind of writing a novel. Griffith replied that at least two other of this generation's leading novelists had gotten the habit of turning out a best seller in the lighter moments of vacationing from picture writing.

Whereupon, the two men selected by the Daughters of the American Revolution to place the War of American Independence in type and on the screen, agreed to make each other the aforementioned rather unique, Christmas presents. They planned to spend all Christmas Day at it, and so will some hundreds of actors, actresses, technicians and camera men.

NORMA TALMADGE'S NEW PICTURE.

Norma Talmadge's drama of the Algerian Sultana, formerly known as "Dust of Desire" has been given its permanent title. The new title is "The Song of Love." The cutting and editing of "The Song of Love" was finished this week and, following a final preview, it will be sent to New York for release.

"The Song of Love" is Norma's first picture since she appeared in "Ashes of Vengeance." It was co-directed by Chester Franklin and Frances Marion and will be released by Producer Joseph M. Schenck.

Norma Talmadge has the role of an Ouled Nail dancing girl in "The Song of Love" and is supported by Joseph Schildkraut and Arthur Edmund Carew. Schildkraut, the famous Viennese actor who created such a sensation in "Edith" in New York, has the role of a French Government spy in "The Song of Love." Arthur Edmund Carew, the Svengali of "Trilby," has a role of almost equal importance with Schildkraut's and is cast as Ramika, the leader of a band of desert nomads.

The cast of "The Song of Love" also includes Maude Wayne, Hector V. Sarno, Lawrence Wheat, Mario Carillo, James Cooley, Albert Prisco and Earl Schenck. The beautiful photography is credited to Gaetano Gaudio, while the picturesque sets were designed by Stephen Gooson.

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Ghosts of the living dead!

Such is the reference made to a number of the characters appearing in the forthcoming Douglas Fairbanks-United Artists' production, "The Mollycoddle," which will be shown at the Coronet Theatre on Thursday next.

The store is a study in small-town trade versatility. Everything within their counter parts, the feocious jungle beasts. Every country of Europe had contributed at least one man, and the United States had a dozen, while the natives of the Malayan peninsula; China, Japan, and adjoining isles, flooded the island to do coolee labour, although a portion of their bolder, and more desperate followers mixed with the white men in their vice.

The motley crew has mixed with thought no more of human life than their counter parts, the feocious jungle beasts. Every country of Europe had contributed at least one man, and the United States had a dozen, while the natives of the Malayan peninsula; China, Japan, and adjoining isles, flooded the island to do coolee labour, although a portion of their bolder, and more desperate followers mixed with the white men in their vice.

The picture tells of the vicissitude of Jimmy Knight, the leading role portrayed by MacLean, with his spirit broken by his unforgettable past, and his exile from his loved ones, he soon became a prey to vice, sinking swiftly to the level of the outcast. But everybody about him drank, gambled, and swaggered.

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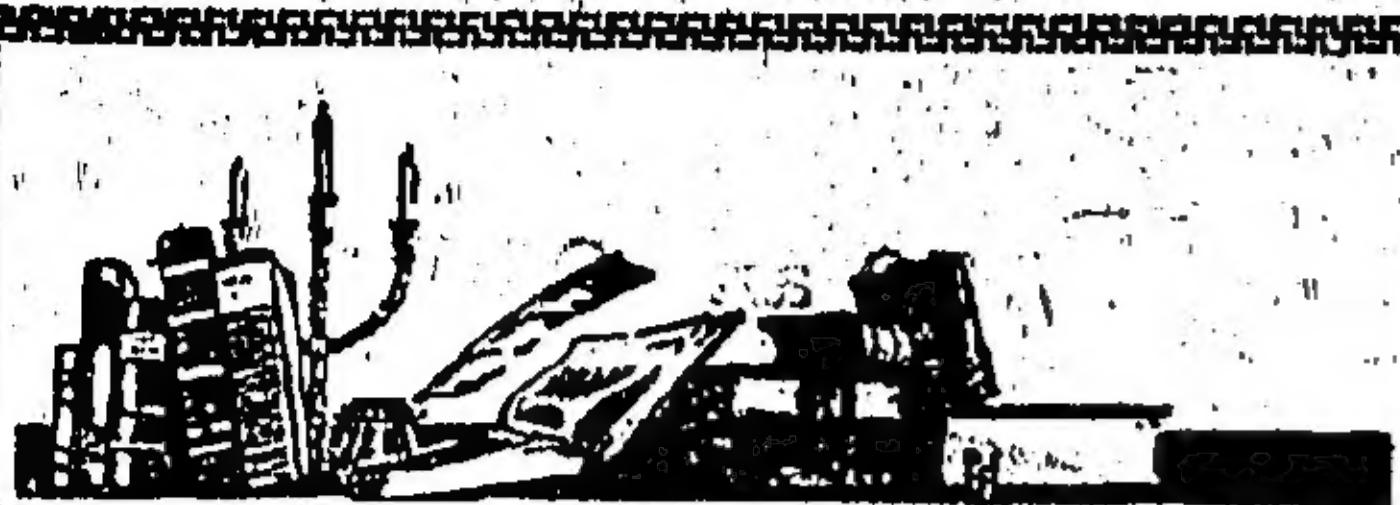
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BOOKS

REACTIONS OF A READER.

We took the first dip into Mr. Stephen Graham's novel, "Under London" (London: Macmillan & Co., Ltd.), with the keenest zest. For whether Mr. Graham has led the way across the plains of Russia or over the bare hills to Jerusalem, whether he has scaled the Rockies or traced Sherman's march to the sea—we have been content in his company. A huge, lank, stalwart creature, physically and intellectually, Mr. Graham is built for the windy, waste places. What, then, does he mean by restricting himself to the narrow bounds of a single London suburb? It simply will not do. His efforts are ill-directed as those of a caged animal and, as a result, the book is wooden and characterless—anything that, when unhampered, its author is not. As a picture of the daily life of Fred Masters, just one of the boys who roamed the streets, the narrative misses distinction; it has neither power nor humour; it is without dimensions, stale, flat, and unprofitable. Is it, perhaps, in some measure auto-biographical? Such books often are. If so, it is futile for Mr. Graham to keep his vision to the ground beneath his feet; his gaze is trained for far horizons.

Another novel of place, "Weeds," by Edith Summers-Kelley (New York: Harcourt, Brace & Co. \$2), comes also to hand. How amazing a contrast to Mr. Graham's dull London streets! Yet, in quite another way, no less depressing. We can think that this book might prove effective propaganda for those social workers who go into the mountainous districts of Kentucky or North Carolina. Most of us know that there are in the United States such neglected and primitive back-waters into which progress and culture have scarcely begun to

penetrate. Mrs. Edith Wharton has made the knowledge inescapable. For her "Ethan Frome" and "Summer" forced us to face the hideous conditions which still exist in remote parts of New England. And "Sun-Up," one of the few really vital plays now being presented in New York City, goes one step further in visualizing these people and their surroundings. "Sun-Up" puts us into precisely the right mood for the reading of "Weeds."

We did wish it were not so long. The repetition is wearying, for the author seems to have over-emphasized the unlovely aspects. We got a sense, too, that she was striving to include every event which could possibly play havoc with these people in their common round of wreathing a living from the tobacco fields. The story would have been sharpened, quickened, by omissions which would throw significant scenes into the high light. Judy's childhood is particularly good, though. We seem to know the gypsy-like little face, framed in tangled black hair; to feel the child's quick sensibilities, her response to beauty, her gentleness with animals. "Land, that little gal's got life enough for a dozen such—too much life, too much life for a gal!" So her easy-going old father used to say; for to him, as to most of the others, nothing much mattered except to have enough to eat and sometimes an opportunity to gossip with the neighbours. But the joy went out of Judy; her gaiety, struggle with poverty and loneliness and starvation—physical as well as mental—gradually sapped it. So despair came, with all its train of consequences—disillusionment and neglect, hatred and wrong-doing. In all the community there was only one who understood, who shared her finer perceptions;

she was a woman of strong character.

M. W.

THE MISSION OF BOOKS.

There is good gospel in an article by Mr. Clifford Smith that appears in the first number of the *International Book Review*, a new and most admirable New York weekly published by Messrs. Funk and Wagnalls. Mr. Clifford Smith says:—

Just as Christianity is based on a Book, it may well be that the future conquest of the Empire of Peace will find in a good book, a book impregnated with the immortality of truth, a more effective ally than a thousand battle-ships or any of the destructive agencies created by human ingenuity. History, indeed, is one long attestation of the supremacy of the printed page.

The glory of England shines more fully in a certain marvelous Book of Plays, obscurely published just three centuries ago, than in her fleets and merchant marine; Greece lives in Homer and Plato, long after the Empire

has crumbled in ruins and their respective countries have no prouder, more enduring monuments to bequeath posterity than those upon which are inscribed such names as Dante, Cervantes, Molire, Bacon, Goethe, Ibsen, Tolstoy. After all, and in spite of the mechanical marvels of modern science, the printing-press remains the driving force of civilization.

In this connection, it has often been pointed out that since the invention of printing there has not been one great social or political movement in the world that has not to some extent been caused by the influence of one great book. It is always rather futile to consider the "might have been"—to wonder, for example, what would have happened if Eve had never eaten the apple. At the same time, it is quite obvious that the whole history of the world would have been profoundly different if Machiavelli had never written "The Prince"; if Rousseau had never written his "Social Contract"; if Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe had never written "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and through the power of sentiment aggravated Northern American feeling against slavery; if Karl Marx had never written "Das Capital."

ROMANCE.

If the sociological volume has influenced collective history, the writer of romance has profoundly affected the individual, not only by imparting keen pleasure, but in encouraging a larger sympathy and understanding, and particularly, in the case of such writers as Bunyan and Dickens and many of the poets, in making the individual life finer and more satisfactory. Gibbon said that Fielding's "Tom Jones" would live when the Imperial Eagle of Austria had been cast into the dust; and he was a good prophet.

Mr. Clifford Smith says that the war has "stimulated the reading of books, sharpened the critical faculty with which books are regarded, and enlarged the domain that they formerly occupied in human experience." That is as true of England as it is of the United States, and it is one of the happiest characteristics of our time that men and women who often have to struggle hard for a livelihood and who are, to quote Joseph Conrad, "properly intent on their own affairs," are now finding in the library the explanation, the encouragement, and the excitement that are necessary if life is to be worth living.

GEORGE GISSING IN THE BOOKSHOP.

"WOMAN OF KNOCKALOE."

AN IMPRESSION.

"It was a dream! Ah, what is not a dream!" With these words Sir Hall Caine closes his introduction to "The Woman of Knockaloe." This same dream however disclosed a divinely human personality. Who but he who continually feels, and suffers, from the disappointment and disillusionment of war its political uslessness, its immeasurable cruelty, its limitless waste, its widespread wretchedness and above all its "inhuman deformation" will have such a dream? Who but he who has earnestly tried to advocate a peace of goodwill towards all men can dream such a dream? This latest work of Sir Hall Caine is destined to become the favorite novel of the young men of to-morrow as the *Grims Fairy Tales* are to the children of to-day.

Like not a few of its kind, this story is best finished at one sitting. Three hours is ample. A quiet evening cannot be more satisfactorily spent than by poring the pages of this book. If at the finish your heart does not burn with fervour or your views of redress modified then you are not truly human, and there are doubts whether a Creator's hands did make you. Should this fervour be retained public opinion is sure to be more elevated.

The tragedy and love of Mona are employed in a masterly manner to bring out the story. Sir Hall here paints for us a real and impartial picture of war and another of a peace that was worse than war.

The story opens with mobilization for war with Germany in 1914. Robbie promptly joined the ranks leaving his young sister Mona at home to comfort the old father. Mona hated the Germans and at the time welcomed an opportunity of redress. The old man was forced constantly to rebuke her for her un-Christian behaviour. News came regularly of cold-blooded murders of helpless children and women and brutal sinking of neutral and hospital ships. Knockaloe, their farm and home was soon turned into an internment camp. Mona was furious at having to serve the prisoners. The father was silent. One day news came of the death of Robbie at the front to be followed later with the news of the award of the Victoria Cross. The father is immediately seized with appendicitis and confined to bed. The girl's anger knows no bounds. The pendulum has now

reached its other extreme and is ready to visit the other. This stroke of Providence crushed all Christian patience and resignation out of the aged father. His heart now grows bitter. He becomes quite another man. Mona's views at the same time also undergo a complete change. This came so unexpectedly, so intensely and at such an inopportune moment that trouble marked every stage. From Oscar Heine (?) a young, slim but well bred and quiet German of the internment camp. Mona hears numerous tales of suffering, distress and bereavement. Each one softens her young heart against the victims of war, each one teaches her that all sides and not one only suffers in the struggle. Sir Hall Caine has now heard both parts of the story. Pity and sympathy for the bereaved accelerated by that of her own son filled the young breast. One Christmas night Oscar comes with the news of his tiny sister's death. Mona tries to comfort him. The old man comes downstairs and sees his last comfort, his remaining child in the arms of one of his country's enemy. This second shock kills him. Mona's pity for the bereaved is now interpreted as betrayal of her country. Friends now, forsook her and neighbours join at her. Alone she faces the future, a victim of jealousy, hate and war. Then in her anguish she asks why men make wars and why God (if He is a loving Father) allows His world to be thus violated. She now craves and prays for peace. Peace comes but it is no peace. She is forced to vacate the farm. The young German with his high sense of honour and gratitude for her help stays by her. He tries every means in his power to aid the heroine of Knockaloe but failed. His old mother has no roof for those who killed her country's sons. A thousand and one hopes are shattered by a thousand and more disappointments. Soon orders come for Oscar to return to Germany. Every path is now closed to her and her beloved. The curtain falls with the sacrifice. To the island's cliff which overlooks the Atlantic they go. Clasped together they go through the service. They kiss each other a sad good-bye. It is their first. It is their last. Wanted by none, despised by all, they return their souls to Him who gave them. The sea with open arms receive them.

Love is as strong as death;

jealousy as cruel as the grave.

Many waters cannot quench love;

neither can the floods drown it.

"HUMAN."

FINAL SHOW.

HAROLD LLOYD

"WHY WORRY?"

A Red-Blooded Romance!

Here is a red-blooded romance of the Canadian North—west gold trails that give Big Bill Desmond one of the most gripping roles of his career!

See this spectacular and mighty drama of the stark Northwoods and the grim gold trails with its teeming passions, panting struggles, wonderful love story! The scenery will enthrall you—the romance will linger in your memory!

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HUMAN WRECKAGE."

MASTERPIECE OF ARTISTIC EFFECTS.

SHADOWS OF THE NORTH CAST.

Famous names of stage and screen are many in the cast of "Shadows of the North," the Universal attraction starring William Desmond, now showing at the World Theatre.

Desmond, famous for years for his depiction of virile characters in stirring photoplays, has been surrounded by Robert Hill; director of the picture, with one of the most important casts he has ever played with. The feminine role is filled by Virginia Brown Fairie, who led the cast of "Without Benefit of Clergy," "Omeara," "The Tentmakers" and other famous pictures. Other members of the cast are equally notable.

Fred Kohler is one of the famous names on the list of actors. A character player known the world over for his successes on stage and screen, Kohler plays the part of "Ray Brent," a striking "heavy" role, in the play. William Welsh, who plays "Jeffrey Nielsen," is another striking figure in the play, and also well-known for years among "big time" photoplay folk.

"Shadows of the North" is a thrilling and spectacular story of the Canadian Northwest. It carries the audience through a series of thrilling adventures, conflicts and a charming romance set in exciting episodes galore.

stage effects designed by master painters run riot, lamp-posts totem drunkenly, and lights arranged to magnify its grotesque play upon them from all angles. To construct this massive and intricate conception of the stuff that dreams are made of, 250 workmen worked day and night in performing tasks they had never done before. Exponents of futuristic and impressionistic schools of painting admit frankly that they could not have devised anything

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WATCH AND WAIT.

AT THE WORLD.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRIST'S TEARS.

[To the Editor of the *China Mail*.]

Sir.—We are surprised at the correspondence which appeared in your valuable paper of the first instant because this is the first time that my protest from a Catholic have been raised against this trade mark although long before now this brand of wine had been widely known in all the markets of the world, especially in that of Brazil to where immense quantities of wine of this brand have been exported yearly.

It seems that it has offended someone's religious susceptibilities, but we, who are Catholics ourselves by conviction, do not see any cause for offence, and we have the highest respect for every one's religious belief.

However, we wish to make it clear that there is not the slightest profanation in selling wine with labels containing a picture in like manner, postal cards with the image of Christ imprinted on them have been sold in large numbers.

The Latin phrase "Lacrima Christi" must have inspired the merchants who first introduced this wine into the market with the idea that, instead of being a profanation, no better expression could be found to denote the excellent quality of this wine.

"Lacrima Christi" began to be sold in Italy, a Catholic and very religious country, and we have no doubt that "Lacrima Christi" from the well-known House of Adriano Ramos Pinto is being drunk even in the Vatican without anyone seeing any slight sense of irreverence in the use of such an expression.

We ourselves have sold Port wine of this brand to many priests whose feelings on matter religious are highly respected, and yet no one ever thought of making any protest whatsoever against its use because the brand is a well-known one and much sought after in every market. Even in England to where *Pinto's Port* has been largely exported and much prized owing to the excellence and superiority of this brand of wine, "Lacrima Christi" commands a large sale.

Moreover, we are mere agents for the wine of this brand; and, as such, we have no right or power to make any change in a mark that has already been registered and known throughout the world.

We beg leave to call your attention to a slight inaccuracy in your Editorial Note which certainly gave the impression that the labels had been affixed to the bottles at Macau.

That is not so, as all labels had been affixed to the bottles in Portugal before they were shipped to other countries.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kindness in inserting this letter in your valuable paper.

We remain,

Yours faithfully,
Pela Agencia Commercial de
Macau O Gerente
MANUEL SUTORIS.

Macau, February 7.

CEMENTS AND GETTING
TOGETHER.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail".]

Sir.—You have from time to time been urging the desirability of the Rotary Movement in Hongkong in so far as the idea of getting the different communities together is concerned; and reading the account in your paper of the extraordinary meeting—extraordinary in more senses than one, of the Cement Co., I have been wondering if, had we had a Rotary Club or International Club functioning, such a meeting would ever have been held with the resulting resignation of several of the Colony's ablest businessmen and financiers.

I begin to see, perhaps, the raising of the Editorial eye, and perhaps the look incredulous on the part of your many readers at such a seemingly ridiculous statement. I may be wrong, but I read into the meeting recorded something which others may not have seen there. I do not wish to question—and the thought is not in my mind—the motives of those who spoke and attended the Cement Co.'s meeting and who were in opposition to those whom I have described above. They were all doubtless imbued with the idea of furthering the interests, not only of the Cement Co., and themselves in the way of increased dividends which is legitimate, but the Colony as an industrial centre. But there is that desire, a growing desire it seems to me, on the part of certain enterprising men who are possessed of brains and money, to voice and share in the management and control of certain of our limited companies. The desire is legitimate but the plums of what hitherto have been a not overburdened method of earning fees have remained in the same hands. I am not suggesting that a Rotary or any other Club would have stalled these desires, but I do suggest that if the Colony possessed a "getting together" organisation there would be less communal isolation and that each community possesses members of it with high ideals, business acumen and zeal comparable with the best, and a way-out would have been found without the possibility of recriminations and less of good feeling. It is all to the credit of those who seem to be leading the latest "revolt" that their desire is not to

COLOFN Y CYMR.

"Nationalities" at St. Stephen's. An arresting subject for a National Eisteddfod essay might be "The Welsh Conquest of England." We in Wales have got into the habit of complaining that our country is being overrun by aliens, our nationalism being submerged by foreign influences, even our religious instincts in danger of being lost in our attachment to imported ideals. Much might be written on this theme..... But Wales is getting its own back. In Pulpit and Press and Parliament may be perceived proof of the peaceful penetration of English public life by Welshmen.

If you have any doubts upon the question, compare the list of members of the new Parliament with that of the House of Commons of, say, 30 or 40 years ago. A leading London contemporary utters a fierce growl at the number of those bearing Welsh names who flock to St. Stephen's. Time was when the Irish and Scottish patronymics studied the division lists in Hansard.

They will not this Session. The decline of Irish influence in English legislation is shown by the fact that only four "O's" appear. There are 11 Scottish "Mars," three of them bearing the future Premier's patronymic. But the Welsh names are legion, there being more Davieses than Smiths, Browns or Robinsons. Smith used to be a prominent name in English public life, and was accepted as typically English. In the new Parliament there are three times as many Davieses, twice as many Williamses and twice as many Joneses as there are Smiths.

The University of Wales Parliamentary election result was—

George M. Lloyd Davies (Christian Socialist)..... 570

Prof. Joseph Jones..... 560

Major Jack Edwards..... 487

Majority..... 10.

Independent gain.

"Wales will, barring accidents, have the honour of sending to St. Stephen's two Premiers within five years. Neither of the two, it is true was born in Wales but, the Principality is the native land of the family of the one, and the adopted country of the other. Mr. Lloyd George retires to Criccieth when he wants quiet; Mr. Rainesay MacDonald seeks the peacefulness of Llismore when exercising his ingenuity as a Cabinet-minister. When we have the next Cabinet finally forced J. venture to predict there will be more than one Welshman in it. The Rev. J. H. Howard Colwyn Bay..... assures us that Wales is represented in the British Parliament just now by "the three most important men in the Kingdom." He thus places them in order of importance:—

D. Lloyd George, the problem and the hope of Liberalism; Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour-leader and next Premier; and George Davies the first in the history of the United Kingdom to be sent to Parliament for the single reason that he is a Christian.

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I do not imagine Mr. Howard wishes us to believe that the representative of the Welsh University will be the only Christian, M.P. of the G.I.B. but he only wants us to think that it was not their Christianity which took, or placed, them there. He may, perhaps, pardon me if I say that I very much doubt if it was entirely because of his Christianity, that Mr. George Davies was sent there. If that were true, Wales would have a higher opinion of her University as the public exponent of Welsh Christian principles. Personally, I fear that many university electors voted for Mr. Geo. Davies not because, but in, spite of his Christian principles.

RANDOM LEAVES. S. W. W. News.

PASSENGERS.

DEPARTURES.

For B. F. n.s. "Monto" on Feb 8:—
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disposes those at present in possession and to pay devoted, if reasonably, paid service, with the summary order of the sack.

I hope I may be allowed to add that I am not a Portuguese or a Chinese, nor have been asked by influential members of either community to write you thus; neither am I a shareholder in any of our local companies. I am interested in this "getting together" movement and strong though it may seem I am not attached to it. As John Wesley regarded the whole world as his parish so I regard Hongkong as a place where the peoples of it should be linked together in a more binding chain than exists at present.

Yours etc., BRITISHER.

Hongkong, February 8.

FATAL FRACAS.

MILITARY BONDS DISPUTE.

CANTON'S NEW YEAR EVE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, February 6.

It is reported that a Yunnanese corporal and two privates were shot, supposedly fatally, in a fracas outside a shop in the Wing Tack Road in the old city on China New Year eve.

As far as can be made out, the soldiers presented a paper purporting to be a "military bond" said to have been issued by the Canton authorities to pay the troops. The denomination was \$10 and the soldiers are reported to have demanded \$9.70 in change for a 30 cents purchase. The shopkeeper quibbled but, under pressure, declared that he had no change available and offered to make a free gift of the article. This the soldiers refused and the trouble started over their alleged insistence that the bond be accepted as current tender and that change be given in silver.

The shopkeeper claims that his till was rifled in the scuffle and that the three culprits were shot down when they threatened, or even attempted to attack, a patrol of Merchants' Volunteer Corps.

A meeting of volunteers was held shortly afterwards when it was decided that the streets in the business centres be barricaded. Barbed-wire entanglements and steel-plates were put up in some instances and in a few hours, the glamour and hubbub of New Year eve had been completely transformed to a comparative state of siege. The whole strength of the Merchants' Volunteers is reported to have been mobilised and patrolling the streets. Few unarmed Chinese were out late even on New Year's day.

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL.

MATCHES ON THE FIXTURE LIST.

The following matches are due to be played to-day:—

H.K.F.A. Challenge shield (Junior); Club de Recreio v. South China "B"; St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Spencer.

Kick off at 2.45 p.m.

HONGKONG LEAGUE DIVISION I.

South China v. H.M.S. "Titania."

Hongkong F. C. ground. Referee: Mr. Smith.

Kowloon v. H.M.S. "Despatch."

Kowloon F. C. ground. Referee: Mr. Wakeham.

R.G.A. v. H.M.S. "Ambrose."

Sookumnoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Collins.

Kick off at 4.15 p.m.

DIVISION II.

Club Reserves v. "Titania."

Reserves, H. K. Club ground.

Referee: Mr. Davies.

Kowloon Reserves v. Sacred Heart, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Wakeham.

South China "A" v. St. Joseph's, South China ground. Referee: Mr. Tovey.

University v. R.G.A. Reserves.

Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Fairburn.

H.M.S. "Marazion" v. H.M.S. "Iriquois."

Navy "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Bailey.

Surrey's Reserves v. Filipino Club, Sookumnoo "A" ground.

Referee: Mr. Collins.

Kick off at 2.45 p.m.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LONDON, February 7.

Following are the results of the Football Cup replays on February 7:—

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Reuter, 1.

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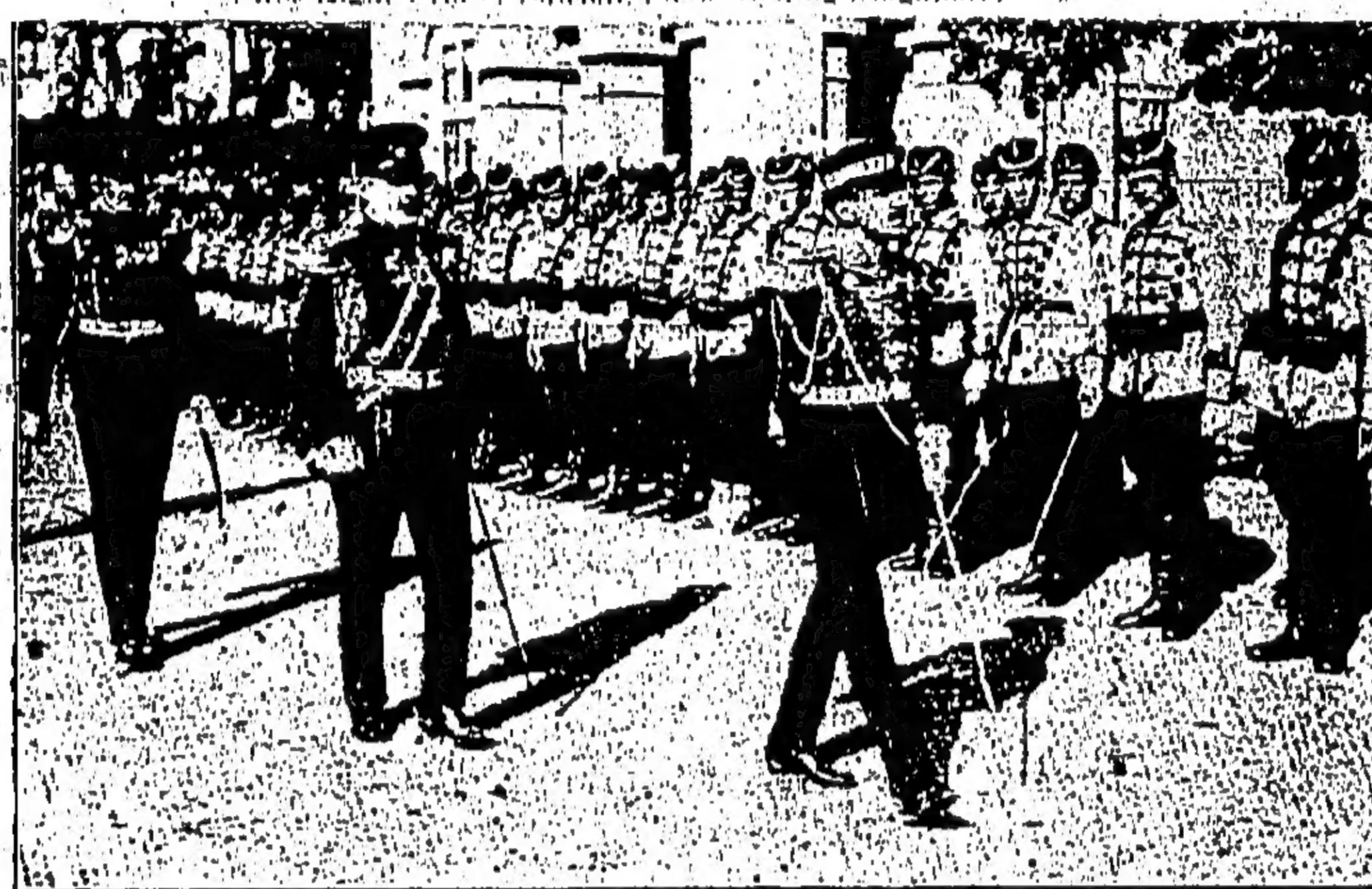
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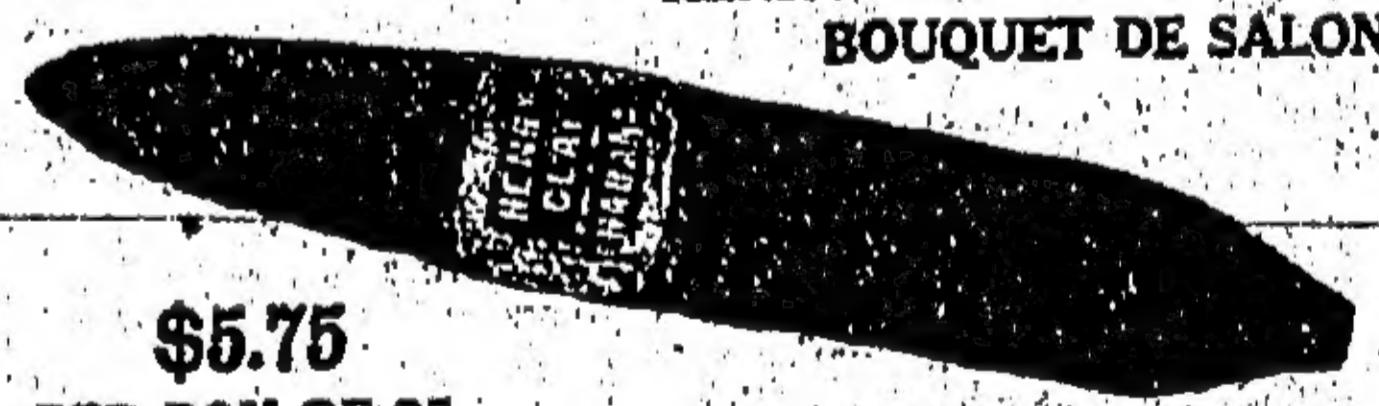
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VESSELS DUE

FROM SHANGHAI.

Feb. 12.—J.C.J.L. Tsimanock.
25.—J.C.J.L. Tsimanock.

FROM BANGKOK.

Feb. 23.—E.A. Banks.

FROM SINGAPORE AND S'PORE.

Mar. 6.—U.S.S.E. West Ivan.
FROM MANILA.

Feb. 20.—U.S.S.E. West Cajeet.

Mar. 5.—U.S.S.E. West Ivan.

FROM JAPAN.

Feb. 29.—J.C.J.L. Tidiboot.

FROM JAVA.

Feb. 25.—J.C.J.L. Tidiboot.

FROM BOMBAY.

Feb. 17.—N.Y.K. Tumba Maru.

FROM CALCUTTA.

Feb. 19.—N.Y.K. Caylon Maru.

Mar. 12.—E.I. Takeda.

Mar. 3.—E.I. Torilla.

22.—E.I. Japan.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Feb. 14.—A.O.L. Taiyuan.

Mar. 7.—E.A. Aranura.

Apr. 4.—E.A. St. Albans.

May 2.—E.A. Eastern.

June 6.—E.A. Afraria.

July 4.—E.A. St. Albans.

Aug. 1.—E.A. Eastern.

FROM SEATTLE, VANCOUVER
ETC.

Feb. 11.—A.O.L. Pros. Jefferson.

13.—J.C.J.L. Tidiboot.

14.—A.O.L. West Henshaw.

15.—N.Y.K. Shidzuoka Maru.

20.—A.O.L. Bakonfield.

27.—B.F. Achilles.

Mar. 18.—B.F. Tyndarana.

Apr. 2.—B.F. Proteus.

May 28.—B.F. Proteus.

May 28.—B.F. Achilles.

June 15.—H.F. Philocetes.

July 10.—B.F. Tyndarana.

Aug. 24.—B.F. Proteus.

FROM IRISCO, HONOLULU,
HOPE, SHAI.

Mar. 1.—D.S.L. Pros. Adams.

3.—D.S.L. Pros. Hayes.

15.—D.S.L. Pros. Garfield.

29.—D.S.L. Pros. Polk.

Mar. 18.—B.F. Achilles.

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12.—N.Y.K. Kitano Maru.

13.—H.A.L. Oldenburgh.

17.—J.C.J.L. Mapia.

21.—N.Y.K. Haruna Maru.

Mar. 11.—J.C.J.L. Ostrikirk.

Apr. 8.—J.C.J.L. Onderkirk.

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Feb. 13.—U.S.S.E. Wm. Camron.

FROM MARSEILLE.

Feb. 12.—M.M. Chii.

26.—M.M. Portos.

Mar. 11.—M.V. Amazon.

FROM LONDON.

Feb. 10.—G.L. Pembrokeshire.

12.—N.Y.K. Kite Maru.

22.—B.F. Kyber.

26.—V.O. Padu.

26.—G.L. Radnorshire.

Mar. 5.—P.O. Nellor.

7.—P.O. China.

14.—G.L. Glenluc.

12.—I.O. Kilkella.

21.—I.O. Kilyan.

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June 12.—P.O. Karmala.

26.—P.O. Malwa.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Feb. 12.—B.F. Atrous.

15.—B.F. Teiresias.

20.—B.F. Morionos.

Mar. 5.—R.W. Nelen.

7.—B.F. Trolly.

9.—B.F. Astyanax.

18.—B.F. Savadon.

22.—B.F. Odessa.

8.—B.F. Hibernia.

10.—B.F. Antalya.

14.—B.F. Patroclus.

FROM HAMBURG.

Feb. 13.—H.A.L. Oldenburgh.

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Mr. Templeton and the Taikoo Club and Chambers. The distant background is effectively represented by a well executed painting. The supervisors, including Messrs Bell Simpson and Swan and Mr. F. N. Young, the architect, have omitted nothing in their effort to present a truly representative model. Dock tugs, launches, even metals and tram standards on the road are shown, a piece of work which must have demanded much care and thought. With the model, a large coloured plan of the Dockyard and various photographs are to go to London.

The Duchess of Atholl, the first woman to be returned for a Scottish constituency to the House of Commons, was entertained by the Edinburgh Women's Organisation, and in acknowledging the compliment emphasised the necessity of making secure the ground which they had won. To this end they would have to exercise many qualities, particularly tact, patience, and moderation.

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"TALTHYBIUS" 20th Feb. Genoa, Miles, Liverpool & Glasgow
"ANTILOCHEUS" 1st March Miles, Havre, Liverpool & Glasgow

PACIFIC SERVICE

"PROTESILAUS" 16th Feb. Victoria, Seattle and
"ACHILLES" 16th Mar. Vancouver.

NEW YORK SERVICE

"SIBYLLATES" 16th Feb. via Suo and Boston.
"IXION" 21st Feb. via Suo and Boston.
"KNIGHT TEMPLAR" 21st Mar. via Suo and Boston.

PASSENGER SERVICE

"TEIRESIAS" 16th Feb. for Shanghai
"TEIRESIAS" 17th Mar. for Singapore & London
"SARPEDON" 21st Apr. Singapore, Marseilles & London
"PATROCLUS" 19th May for Singapore, Marseilles & London
"MENTOR" 18th June for Singapore & London

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INWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11. P.M.

U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai. Pres. Jefferson

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12. Kitano Maru

Straits

OUTWARD MAILS.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9. P.M.

Amoy Kuanchow 2.30 p.m.
Samsui and Wuchow Kung Hing 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via MAR-SELLIER, Marseilles 9th Mar.
Parcels 3 p.m. Saturday 9th. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

Sunday 10th. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

Hainan, Hainan and Haiphong 4.30 p.m.
Haihong and Haiphong 5 p.m.
Haihong and Tournan 5 p.m.
Fort Bayard 5 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America & EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—via Victoria, B.C.
23rd Feb.—Ship sails at 10 a.m. 10th Feb. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

Monday, February 11. President Jackson

Haihong and Tournan 8.30 a.m.
Bancok 8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 8 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt, and Parcels mail 9 a.m.

only for Germany via Hamburg 9 a.m.
Swatow and Wuchow 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11. Yueh Yung W. 8.30 a.m.
Bancok 8 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa 8 a.m.
Haihong and Tournan 8 a.m.

Shanghai and Japan 9.30 a.m.
Haiphong 9.30 a.m.
Bancok 9 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12. Haiphong 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foothow 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan 10 a.m.
Haiphong 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13. Linan 8.30 a.m.

Haiphong 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foothow 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14. Rangoon 9.30 a.m.
Java via Batavia 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15. Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16. Van Overstaaten 1 p.m.

Straits, AUSTRALIA & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 28th Feb. Registration 4.45 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

Aki-Maru 10.30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18. Rangoon 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foothow 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19. Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20. Linan 8.30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21. Haiphong 9.30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22. Linan 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23. Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24. Linan 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25. Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26. Linan 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27. Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29. Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 31. Haiphong 10.30 a.m.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19. Linan 10 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20. Haiphong 10.30 a.m.